

Personal Mention.

J. L. Gillen reports an accession at Enon.

Bro. A. L. Garber preached in the College chapel on Sunday.

Bro. Joseph I. Hall is preaching in Pittsburg, Pa., during the present month.

Bro. J. W. Leedy recently preached for the Brethren in Rappahannock Co., Virginia.

Bro. Adam Eberly writes that the Bethesda, O. church has had three accessions within the last month.

C. F. Yoder writes from Warsaw, Ind.: "Two more, a mother and a daughter, were added to our number this week."

Bro. J. S. Bowman will move to Craig Co., Va., from Dayton, to take charge of a school and to preach for the Brethren.

Sister Hinebaugh writes from Dunlaps, Ind., that the harvest meeting at that place is changed from Aug. 2 to Aug. 16.

Sister M. M. Sterling orders two hundred copies of the Doctrinal number for distribution at the camp-meeting to be held at McAlisterville, Pa., soon.

Bro. W. W. Summers announces the sixth annual grove meeting in the Salem, Ind., congregation. This will be a great gathering and must speak for Christ.

Sister Sterling preached for Bro. Haskins at Johnstown on the 5th and 12th inst. She reports three accessions to the church in her work during the month.

Bro. S. B. Grisso baptized five at North Liberty on Saturday last. Bro. Grisso is doing a good work and already souls are added to the church. May his work be greatly blessed.

Bro. Roger Darling of Johnstown, Pa., is now with his parents and friends at his old home in Dallas Center, Iowa. He will remain until the National Conference meets at Warsaw.

Bro. G. W. Rench writes from Milford, Ind.: "Please announce that our services on Sunday, Aug. 2, will be held in the grove near town. Bro. C. F. Yoder and other speakers will be present. Everybody invited to be present."

J. A. Miller preached at the grove meeting held by the North Liberty and Ankenytown churches last Sunday. Bro. I. M. Murray and family and sister Clara Worst from Ashland, brethren Ross and Oberholtzer and others from Buckeye City were in attendance. A large congregation gave respectful attention to the word preached.

OUR MISSION WORK.

Dr. Roop and myself have referred to this frequently, but the importance of the work is our excuse for again bringing it before the church.

The cause of missions is connected with the life of the church, to live and develop, missions must be sustained. Without them death will come. Christ came, the church must go, his last words tell us the importance of mission work. In theory, the church is missionary, in practice she is not. The history of the mission cause throughout the church is evidence of this fact. More work must be done to make us practical co-workers with Christ along this line.

The Brethren church is under obligations to do this work, because of her position,—she accepts the whole Gospel. Churches that accept a part of the truth will only partly unfold the truth, but the church that accepts the whole Gospel must preach that Gospel, and must preach it as the directions are laid down in the Word. The whole world lies at our feet, and its sighs and sobs must be quelled by the panacea of all ill,—the truth as it is in Jesus.

There should be a union of action in this work. All mission boards and organizations should be under one management. The state and district boards should be auxiliaries to the general board. This would concentrate the work and that means consecrated work. Let us have a union of forces and have it at Warsaw.

Where should the center of work be? Of course you believe there should be a common center, the cause demands it, the example of Christ is plain, where were so many of his mighty works done? In and around Capernium, there the great roads crossed, there the news could be carried in every direction, and they could know of his mighty power, where is a great center for the church in her scattered condition. It is in Chicago, no doubt to be the greatest city of the world. From here the work could launch in every direction.

As a matter of fact we believe our Publishing House should be here, and it could be brought here with very little effort on part of the church, but what we more especially mean to urge now is the union of all mission forces in one common center for the extension of the church of Christ.

DR. J. E. ROOP,
JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Give God the whole heart, and every duty will be fulfilled, and every relation with other human lives will be a channel of richest blessing.—*Alexander McLaren.*

BIBLE STUDY.

There is at the present time a great awakening in the way of Bible study. This is a very hopeful sign of the times.

The Bible is being adopted as a textbook in very many of the best colleges and universities in this country and Europe. Schools for Bible study are springing up. They are most thoroughly equipped for this work both in the way of libraries and eminent teachers.

Summer schools, Bible institutes and Assemblies are held during the months of July and August throughout the whole land. One needs only to glance at the announcements of these various summer gathering of students, lecturers and professors to see how large a part of the time is given to some phase or other of Christian work and Bible study.

Nor do we need to search far for the reason. The Bible is a living book. The New Testament especially interests students of Sociology, Political Economy and Ethics. Christianity is recognized as a factor, the most potent and aggressive at that, that enters into the consideration of the problems with which these sciences are occupied. Those who leave out Christianity in their dealings with these issues are, with few exceptions, a gnostic or pessimistic, or both. And even this class does not fail to study the New Testament. How much more should those who believe study the Bible. Faith to be strong must be intelligent. Christian work to be effective must be wisely directed. And the Christian life to be fullest, happiest and best must be an enlightened, free and perfect exercise of every power and faculty of our whole being in the highest degree. This as we believe can only be done in the light of an intelligent and comprehensive knowledge of God's will concerning us. Hence we must study the Book.

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